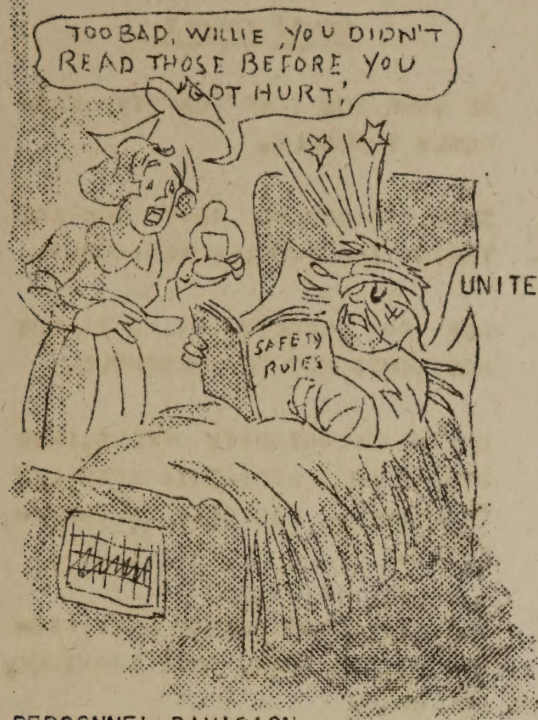
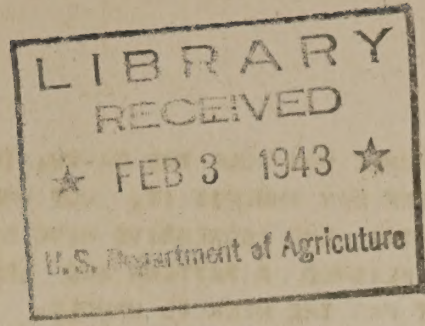


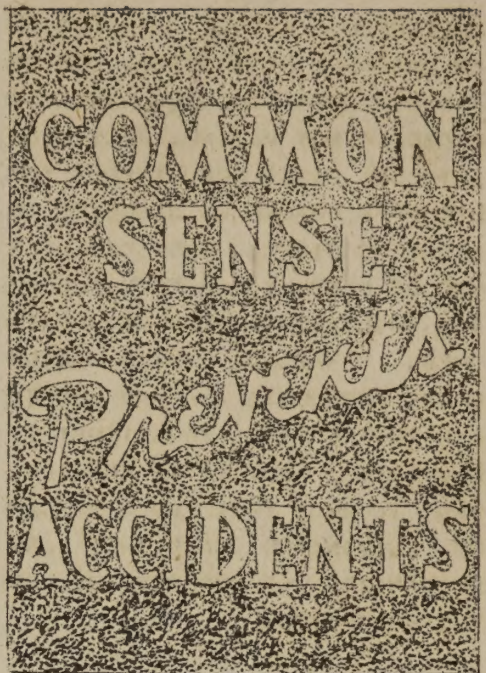
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"EYES OPEN — TAKE CARE"

EVERYONE KNOWS THAT "EYES OPEN — TAKE CARE" IS BASIC TO SAFETY. "MIND OPEN — TAKE STOCK" IS JUST AS BASIC, AND SHOULD BE CONSCIENTIOUSLY AND CONSCIOUSLY PRACTICED.

THE MAN-ON-THE-JOB IS MORE FAMILIAR WITH WORKING CONDITIONS THERE THAN ANYONE ELSE, AND THEREFORE SHOULD BE THE SOURCE OF MOST IMPROVEMENTS. DON'T MAKE THE SAFETY ENGINEER DO ALL THE THINKING. HE KNOWS HIS WORK, BUT HE NEEDS YOUR HELP.

WE ALL HAVE AN INCLINATION TOWARD "LAISSEZ-FAIRE"... "WELL, IT WORKS, DOESN'T IT?" "WORKING THAT WAY FOR YEARS." "NO ONE HURT YET." "NO FUNERALS SO FAR." — IN ADDITION TO THIS NATURAL INCLINATION, THERE ARE OTHER MENTAL DETERRENTS TO DEVELOPING IDEAS. ... "THEY'LL THINK I AM A SISSY." "ONLY A LITTLE DANGER." THEY WON'T

SPEND THE MONEY ANYWAY." "NOT WORTH THE FUSS." — DON'T LET THESE STOP YOU!

YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS ON THE JOB ARE IN AN EXCELLENT POSITION TO JUDGE THE DANGERS PRESENT. TALK YOUR IDEAS OVER, AND IF THE CONSENSUS IS THAT THEY ARE GOOD, START THEM ON THEIR WAY. NOT ALL OF YOUR SUGGESTIONS ARE GOING TO BE USABLE ONES, BUT DON'T BE DISCOURAGED BY THIS. (NO ONE EATS "A THOUSAND.") YOUR IDEA, THOUGH PERHAPS UNUSABLE IN ITSELF, MAY BE THE LIGHT NECESSARY TO REVEAL A PRESENT BUT UNSEEN DANGER.

SO KEEP YOUR MIND OPEN. ANALYZE YOUR JOB. MAKE YOUR SUGGESTIONS. AND IF YOU SAVE ONE BROKEN FINGER, YOU WILL HAVE SERVED YOUR FELLOW-WORKERS AND THE GOVERNMENT WELL.

(FROM "THE BINNACLE")

A NOTE TO HM SUPERVISORS

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THE FIELD OF ACCIDENT PREVENTION IN THE FARM HOME IS ONE IN WHICH HM SUPERVISORS CAN LEND PARTICULAR ASSISTANCE AND ONE IN WHICH THEY SHOULD BE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED. A FEW MINUTES DEVOTED TO THIS SUBJECT IN GROUP MEETINGS, DURING INDIVIDUAL CONTACTS, AND IN HOME CALLS SHOULD BE VERY WORTH WHILE. THROUGH FRIENDLY CONVERSATION WITH INDIVIDUAL FARMER'S WIVES, THROUGH EDUCATIONAL MATERIAL SUPPLIED IN GROUP MEETINGS, AND OTHERWISE, A WHOLESOME INTEREST IN THIS SUBJECT MAY BE BUILT UP.

WE ALL KNOW MANY HAZARDS TO LIFE AND LIMB EXIST ON MANY OF THE FARMS WE VISIT. BROKEN NECKS OR LEGS CAN EASILY RE-

* STOP ACCIDENTS BEFORE THEY STOP YOU! *

SULT FROM A LITTLE MISSTEP ON AN UNSTABLE PORCH STEP, OR ON A PORCH WHERE THE FLOORING IS LOOSE OR NOT RAILED. MANY DISASTROUS FIRES RESULT FROM THE USE OF KEROSENE OR GASOLINE IN STARTING FIRES, FROM CARELESS USE OF MATCHES, OR FROM ALLOWING CHILDREN TO PLAY WITH MATCHES. HAZARDS WHICH DAILY CAUSE ACCIDENTS IN FARM HOMES ARE TOO NUMEROUS TO ATTEMPT TO ENUMERATE, BUT IT IS HEARTENING TO KNOW THAT SO MANY CAN BE ELIMINATED ONCE THEY ARE RECOGNIZED AS UNNECESSARY BY THE HOUSEWIFE.

LOCAL CHAPTERS OF THE AMERICAN RED CROSS ARE USUALLY INTERESTED IN FARM AND HOME SAFETY, AND CONTACT WITH THEM IS VERY WORTH WHILE. OFTEN, TOO, SAFETY CAMPAIGNS ARE UNDERTAKEN BY LOCAL CIVIC GROUPS, OR SCHOOLS. IN INDIANA, SAFETY IS A REQUIRED COURSE FOR THE 8TH GRADE PUPILS. CORRELATION OF OUR SAFETY PROGRAM WITH OTHERS IS DESIRABLE WHEREVER POSSIBLE. IT SHOULD NOT BE NEGLECTED, HOWEVER, BECAUSE OF THE ABSENCE OF A COMMUNITY PROGRAM. (FROM REGION 3 FSA SAFETY BULLETIN)

AGGRESSIVE SAFETY

MUCH CREDIT HAS BEEN GIVEN, AND RIGHTLY SO, TO AN AGGRESSIVE INDIVIDUAL. HE USUALLY HAS A DEFINITE AIM WHICH HE KEEPS BEFORE HIM AND NEVER LETS HIMSELF FORGET WHAT HE IS AFTER. EVERY EFFORT IS BENT TO ACHIEVE THAT AIM, AND WHEN HE REACHES IT, HE DOES NOT REST CONTENT, BUT AT ONCE, IN THE VERNACULAR OF THE DAY, "RAISES HIS SIGHTS," AND STRIVES FOR A HIGHER GOAL. IT IS AGGRESSIVE

PEOPLE WHO RULE THE EARTH. THE MEEK MAY INHERIT IT, BUT ONLY AFTER THE AGGRESSIVE HAVE ESTABLISHED A PATTERN AND LEFT IT FOR THE MEEK TO UPHOLD.

AGGRESSIVE SUPERVISORS REALIZE THE LOSS OF TIME AND WASTE THAT ACCOMPANY AN ACCIDENT, AND HAVE FOUND IT PROFITABLE TO TAKE TIME TO INSTRUCT PROPERLY OR SHOW THE NEW EMPLOYEE HOW EACH AND EVERY TASK IS TO BE DONE, PROPERLY INCLUDING SAFETY IN ALL INSTRUCTIONS, AND GIVING THE EMPLOYEE A REASONABLE AMOUNT OF ATTENTION TO INSURE HE HAS PROPERLY ABSORBED HIS INSTRUCTIONS. HE REALIZES THAT MEN ARE GROWN-UP BOYS, AND WHAT IS ACQUIRED IN THE FIRST FLUSH OF EMPLOYMENT OR ON THE NEW WORK WILL STAY WITH THEM TO THE END.

MOST OF US BELONG TO THE MAJORITY, OR THE MEEK. WE FOLLOW THE LINE OF LEAST RESISTANCE, OR THE DIRECTIONS LAID DOWN BY THOSE IN AUTHORITY. THIS MAKES IT IMPERATIVE THAT ALL DIRECTIONS BE POSITIVE IN NATURE AND INCLUDE ALL KNOWN SAFE PRACTICES. IN THESE TIMES OF "NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS", SPEED IS ESSENTIAL, AND CAN BE MORE READILY OBTAINED AND EASILY MAINTAINED BY PUSHING AN AGGRESSIVE SAFETY PROGRAM; ONE THAT STATES, "DO THIS, THIS WAY" — "DO THAT, THAT WAY", AND OMITTING ENTIRELY THE WORD "DON'T". WORKMEN, LOOKING FOR OR SEEKING INSTRUCTIONS, WILL RETAIN DIRECTIONS THAT SAY "DO" — PROHIBITIONS OR QUALIFYING PHRASES LEAD TO CONFUSION, AND CONFUSION LEADS TO ACCIDENTS.

BE AGGRESSIVE FOR SAFETY
(FROM - TULSA OILER)

DON'T FORGET

BE SURE YOU TAKE SAFETY SERIOUSLY YOURSELF.

SHOW TO OTHERS THAT YOU ARE TAKING THE PROBLEM SERIOUSLY.

ASK FOR SUGGESTIONS AS TO HOW ACCIDENTS MAY BE PREVENTED.

AS THE OPPORTUNITY OFFERS, SHOW OTHERS WHAT ACCIDENTS ACTUALLY COST THEM, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY.

SEE THAT SAFEGUARDS ARE PROVIDED, AND THAT, ONCE PROVIDED, ARE USED.

FIND OUT THE SAFE WAY OF DOING EACH JOB, AND INSIST ON THE JOB BEING DONE ON THAT BASIS.

SUPERVISE THE INDIFFERENT MAN CLOSELY WHILE HE IS AT WORK, AND "TALK TURKEY" TO HIM ABOUT EVERY ACCIDENT OR NEAR ACCIDENT.

(FROM - THE CAUSEWAY FOR SAFETY)

PRIORITY FOR SAFETY

WITH ALL THE TALK THERE IS THESE DAYS ABOUT PRIORITIES FOR THIS, THAT AND THE OTHER THING, THERE IS EVIDENCE THAT INDIVIDUAL WORKERS (AND DRIVERS OF MOTOR VEHICLES) ARE NOT GIVING SAFE WORK HABITS ENOUGH PRIORITY.

WITH ALL THE EMPHASIS THAT IS BEING LAID ON PRODUCTION, COST AND MATERIALS, MANY WORKERS UNCONSCIOUSLY MAY GET THE FEELING THAT SAFETY TAKES THE BACK SEAT.

AS A MATTER OF FACT, SAFETY IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT

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* BE THOROUGH - HALFWAY MEASURES WON'T PREVENT ACCIDENTS *

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THINGS WE NEED TO CONSIDER THESE DAYS, NOT IN SPITE OF THE EMERGENCY, BUT BECAUSE OF IT.

THE PREVENTION OF ACCIDENTS ANY TIME AND ALWAYS IS GOOD INSURANCE THAT A MAN REMAINS IN ONE PIECE, AND SOUND OF WIND AND LIMB. BUT THE NEED FOR ON-TIME DEFENSE PRODUCTION THESE DAYS DEMANDS THE PREVENTION OF ACCIDENTS THAT MIGHT HOLD UP DELIVERIES, DAMAGE MATERIALS, OR INJURE SKILLED WORKMEN.

FOR INSTANCE:

1. A HIGH PRIORITY RATING ON MATERIALS ISN'T MUCH GOOD IF A RUINOUS FIRE DAMAGES THE PLANT BECAUSE THERE WAS NO PRIORITY ON SAFETY FOR FIRE PREVENTION.
2. IT'S A SURE THING THAT A FELLOW LYING IN A HOSPITAL WITH ACCIDENT INJURIES WOULD GIVE A PRIORITY TO SAFETY IF HE HAD A CHANCE TO DO IT OVER AGAIN.
3. IF A MACHINE BREAKS DOWN BECAUSE REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE WORK FOR SAFE OPERATION HAD NOT BEEN PERFORMED, THE OPERATOR, HIS FOREMAN, THE WHOLE PRODUCTION LINE, AND UNCLE SAM TOO, WOULD VOTE FOR A PRIORITY ON SAFE WORK HABITS THEREAFTER.
4. AGAIN, PRIORITIES ON MATERIALS DON'T MEAN MUCH AFTER AN EXPLOSION WRECKS A PLANT BECAUSE SOME EMPLOYEE DIDN'T HAVE A PRIORITY ON SAFETY IN CONNECTION WITH HIS WORK ON THE EXPLOSIVE MATERIAL.

AND SO IT GOES, IN CONNECTION WITH EVERY JOB. THE MORE URGENT THE NEED FOR EFFICIENT, ON-TIME PRODUCTION, THE MORE

URGENT THE NECESSITY FOR PREVENTION OF ACCIDENTS THAT WOULD BLOCK AND DELAY THAT PRODUCTION.

WHILE THE BIG BOSS WORRIES ABOUT PRIORITIES ON ESSENTIAL MATERIALS, LET'S EACH OF US, INDIVIDUALLY, PUT A PRIORITY ON SAFE WORKING HABITS ON OUR PERSONAL JOBS. THAT WOULD BE TEAM WORK TO INSURE THE SUCCESS OF WAR PRODUCTION.

(FROM—NEWFOUNDLAND DISTRICT—
U.S. ENGINEER'S BULLETIN)

MAZIE WAS A SABOTEUR

MAZIE WAS A DIZZY BLOND. SHE DID THINGS IN A SLAP-DANG MANNER. SHE WAS THE LIFE OF THE PARTY. SHE WASN'T VERY CAPABLE AS A HOME MAKER.

MAYBE THAT'S WHY JOE MARRIED HER. HE WAS A SERIOUS YOUNG MAN — AN EFFICIENT WORKMAN. WHEN THE NATION WENT TO WAR JOE GOT A JOB IN A WAR PLANT AND SOON WAS GIVEN AN IMPORTANT SUPERVISORY POSITION. JOE'S UNIT HELD THE PLANT RECORD FOR PRODUCTION.

MAZIE SAID THE WAR WAS "GOSH AWFUL!" SHE SAID SHE WAS PROUD OF JOE AND THAT THE AXIS DIDN'T HAVE A CHANCE. SHE, HOWEVER, DIDN'T DO ANYTHING TO AID THE WAR EFFORT — EXCEPT, PERHAPS, CHEER JOE UP WHEN HE CAME HOME FROM WORK.

MAZIE WENT SLAP-BANGING DOWN THE STREET IN HER CAR ONE AFTERNOON. THERE WAS A CRASH. SHE WAS KILLED.

JOE WAS AWAY FROM HIS JOB FIVE DAYS. WHEN HE RETURNED HE WAS LIKE A MAN WALKING IN A

DREAM. HE MADE COSTLY MISTAKES. PRODUCTION OF HIS UNIT DROPPED SHARPLY, CURTAILING THE FLOW OF MUNITIONS TO AMERICAN SOLDIERS AND THEIR ALLIES.

JOE WASN'T TO BLAME. HE WAS SOLD ON THE IDEA OF SAFETY, AND HIS UNIT AT THE PLANT HAD A PERFECT SAFETY RECORD. THE MEN UNDER HIM LOST NO TIME BECAUSE OF COSTLY ACCIDENTS.

BUT MAZIE, THE DIZZY BLOND WHO MADE JOE HAPPY WHILE SHE WAS ALIVE, BECAME AN UNINTENTIONAL SABOTEUR WHEN SHE DIED.

BECAUSE THE AVERAGE MAN IS UNAble TO DIVORCE HIS HOME LIFE FROM HIS JOB THERE ARE MANY CASES LIKE THAT OF MAZIE AND JOE.

THE DAUGHTER OF A WAR PLANT WORKER FALLS AND BREAKS HER ARM. HER INJURY ISN'T SERIOUS. BUT FATHER'S WORK WILL SUFFER JUST THE SAME — IF HE'S THE AVERAGE FATHER.

THE AGED MOTHER OF A MUNITIONS WORKER INJURES HER BACK. HER SON, WORRIED ABOUT HER CONDITION, MAKES MISTAKES THAT RETARD PRODUCTION.

THE BROTHER OF AN AIRCRAFT WELDER DROWNS. THE WORKMAN CAN'T KEEP HIS MIND ON WHAT HE'S DOING AND RUINS AN IMPORTANT PLANE PART.

ACCIDENTS ARE RETARDING WAR PRODUCTION SO SERIOUSLY THAT MANY ORGANIZATIONS DEVOTE MUCH TIME AND MONEY TO THEIR PREVENTION. AT FIRST MOST CAMPAIGNS WERE DIRECTED AT PREVENTING ACCIDENTS AMONG WORKMEN. BUT SURVEYS HAVE SHOWN THAT INJUR-

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* CAREFULNESS WILL NEVER CAUSE AN ACCIDENT *
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IES TO FAMILIES OF WORKMEN OF-
TEN CAUSE AS MUCH DELAY IN WAR
WORK AS INJURIES TO THE WORK-
MEN THEMSELVES.

THIS MEANS THAT MILLIONS OF
AMERICANS CAN HELP DEFEAT THE
AXIS - SIMPLY BY BEING CAREFUL,
NOT BEING UNINTENTIONAL SABO-
TEURS. (FROM
THE WASHINGTON, D. C. NEWS)

HEAVY RAINS BRING WEEDS, CAR HAZARDS.

HEAVY RAINS HAVE CAUSED A
RAPID GROWTH OF WEEDS, GRASS
AND UNDERGROWTH AT INTERSECT-
IONS IN THE COUNTRY WHICH WILL
GREATLY INCREASE TRAFFIC HAZ-
ARDS UNLESS THEY ARE CUT, RE-
PORTS THE ILLINOIS AGRICULTUR-
AL ASSOCIATION DEPARTMENT OF
SAFETY.

TO REMOVE THESE "BLIND"
SPOTS RESULTING FROM HEAVY FOL-
IAGE, THE IAA SAFETY DEPARTMENT
SUGGESTS THAT 30 MINUTES WORK
WITH A MOWER OR BRUSH SCYTHE
WILL MAKE A DANGEROUS CORNER
NEAR THE FARMER'S OWN PLACE A
SAFE ONE.

IN OTHER LOCALITIES WHERE
VISION OBSTRUCTIONS HAVE NOT
BEEN REMOVED, THE DEPARTMENT
ADVISES MOTORISTS TO APPROACH
SUCH CROSSINGS AS THOUGH AN-
OTHER CAR WERE THERE.

(FROM- ILLINOIS AGRICULTUR-
AL ASSOC. NEWS RELEASE)

GOOD HABIT

"THE CHAINS OF HABIT ARE TOO
WEAK TO BE FELT UNTIL THEY ARE
TOO STRONG TO BE BROKEN". IF
WE FORM THE HABIT OF LEARNING
TO DO THE JOB RIGHT THEN WE
SHAN'T HAVE TO REMEMBER WHAT

NOT TO DO THAT IS WRONG.
(FROM-BURLINGTON SAFETY NEWS)

"AS YOU DRIVE"

AS YOU DRIVE YOUR AUTOMOBILE
ALONG THE HIGHWAYS DO YOU EVER
STOP TO THINK OF THE POTENTIAL
HAZARDS THAT LIE AHEAD? DO YOU
LOOK ABOUT YOU AS YOU DRIVE
AND NOTE THE NUMEROUS INDICA-
TIONS OF DRIVER-CARELESSNESS,
NOTHING SERIOUS BUT JUST SIM-
PLE INFRACTIONS OF DRIVING
RULES AND COURTESIES THAT IN-
DICATE THE DRIVERS JUST DON'T
HAVE THEIR MINDS ON THEIR BUS-
INESS, OR ELSE THEY DON'T GIVE
A HANG FOR COMMON COURTESY TO-
WARD OTHER PEOPLE.

WE DRIVE ALONG AND SWEAR AT
THE DRIVER AHEAD OF US FOR
FAILING TO INDICATE A TURN OR
A STOP, OR POSSIBLY HE INDICA-
TED A RIGHT TURN AND DECIDED
AT THE LAST MOMENT THAT HE
DIDN'T WANT TO TURN RIGHT AT
ALL BUT TO THE LEFT. THESE ARE
JUST, SIMPLE THINGS IN THEM-
SELVES BUT THEY HAPPEN THOUS-
ANDS OF TIMES EVERY DAY, AND
EVERY ONE OF THEM IS A POTEN-
TIAL ACCIDENT. WE OURSELVES
ARE NOT IMMUNE FROM THESE IN-
FRACTIONS; OR, IF WE ARE, WE
ARE ONE OF THE VERY FEW WHO
OBSERVE EVERY GOOD DRIVING
PRACTICE.

THE FIRST REQUISITE OF HIGH-
WAY SAFETY IS AUTOMOBILES IN
GOOD MECHANICAL CONDITION AND
DRIVERS IN GOOD PHYSICAL CON-
DITION, MENTALLY ALERT. WITH-
OUT THE LATTER THE MILLIONS
THAT HAVE BEEN SPENT IN SCIENT-
IFIC RESEARCH TO MAKE THE NEW
AUTOMOBILES MECHANICALLY SAFE
ARE LOST. THE MAJORITY OF OUR
HIGHWAYS ARE SAFE; NO MATTER

WHAT THE GRADE, HOW SHARP THE
TURN, HOW BLIND THE APPROACH TO
A THROUGH HIGHWAY MAY BE, THEY
WITHIN THEMSELVES ARE NOT DAN-
GEROUS. THE REAL DANGER IS IN
THE RATE OF SPEED AND THE MAN-
NER IN WHICH THE DRIVER APPROA-
CHES THESE PLACES. THESE DRIV-
ERS ARE THE ONES WHO ESTABLISH
THE SO-CALLED "DEATH SPOTS".

TOO MANY OF US TODAY TRUST
TO LUCK IN OUR DRIVING RATHER
THAN TO OUR SKILL. THIS IS
TRUE WHETHER WE ADMIT IT OR
NOT. A RECENT SURVEY OF MINOR
TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS IN ONE OF
OUR CITIES OF AVERAGE SIZE
SHOWED THAT ON SEVERAL BUSY
INTERSECTIONS SOME SEVEN OR
EIGHT THOUSAND VIOLATIONS WERE
RECORDED WITHIN A PERIOD OF
THREE HOURS. ALL THESE VIOLA-
TIONS WERE MINOR IN CHARACTER
BUT WITH THAT EVER PRESENT PO-
TENTIAL ACCIDENT.

NEXT TIME YOU HAVE OCCASION
TO DRIVE MAKE IT A POLICY TO
DO UNTO OTHERS AS YOU WOULD
HAVE THEM DO UNTO YOU. LET'S
DO A LITTLE MORE "DEFENSIVE
DRIVING" RATHER THAN TRUSTING
TOO MUCH TO LUCK.

(FROM - TULSA OILER)

FSA CLERK-TYPIST INJURED

A CLERK-TYPIST, UNFAMILIAR
WITH THE RISKY PLANKS OF A
BORROWER'S PORCH, SEVERELY IN-
JURED HER LEG WHEN SHE STEPPED
THROUGH A HOLE. SHE HAD GONE
WITH TWO ASSISTANT SUPERVISORS
TO NOTARIZE AN OPTION AT THE
HOME OF AN INVALID BORROWER.
FOUR DAYS IN BED AND A SERIES
OF TREATMENTS BY A PHYSICIAN
WERE THE PRICE SHE PAID FOR
SOMEONE'S NEGLECT OF HOME RE-
PAIRS.

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* LEAVE SOONER - DRIVE SLOWER - LIVE LONGER *
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